

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this preliminary amendment, claims 1-14 are amended, claims 15-26 are canceled, and claims 27-30 are added so that claims 1-14 and 27-30 are pending and subject to examination.

The first paragraph of the specification is also amended to provide the appropriate continuity data.

Entry of this Amendment is requested.

CONCLUSION

A favorable Action on the merits is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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